



## FALL REFERENDA

On November 8, 2016, City of Atlanta voters have the historic opportunity to vote regarding the future of Atlanta's transit and transportation systems. Two sales tax measures will be on the ballot for the public to decide if more than \$3 billion in funding should be directed towards a host of local projects.

Both referenda support projects and plans already adopted by Atlanta City Council. A portion of the funding would be dedicated to the forthcoming transit and trails of the Atlanta BeltLine. If approved, 94% of all Atlanta residents will be within a half-mile of a MARTA, TSPLOST or Renew Atlanta bond or transportation infrastructure project.

### MARTA Referendum

If passed, the additional half penny sales tax would be dedicated to expanding and improving MARTA bus and rail in the City of Atlanta. The additional funding would support constructing and operating the Atlanta Streetcar System Plan (including the Atlanta BeltLine loop), and four infill stations along the Atlanta BeltLine. It is estimated that an additional half penny for MARTA would raise approximately \$3.5 billion over the remaining life of the current MARTA sales tax.

### TSPLOST

It is estimated that an additional four-tenths cent in sales tax revenue would raise approximately \$300 million over five years.

\$65.9 million of revenue would be designated for enabling ABI to purchase the remaining right of way for the 22-mile loop and spur trails.

In addition to providing lighting for multi-use trails around the loop, other TSPLOST funds will go toward improved sidewalks and streetscapes, neighborhood greenways, traffic signal coordination, and other multi-use trails.

## ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE: YEAR SEVEN



**Top left:** "Posts for Peace and Justice" by Lisa Parsons and Kira Corser. Photo: Pete Pages. **Bottom left:** Mural by Karl Addison and Jarus. **Middle:** The Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade by Chantelle Rytter and the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons. Photo: Amy Sparks. **Top right:** "Mars" by Ben Janik. **Bottom right:** "pop UP door" by TinyDoorsATL.

**The seventh year of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine kicked off on September 10th with our biggest night of the year!** What started as a performance art proposal for the first year of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine in 2010 has grown into one of Atlanta's favorite traditions! The Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade, created and hosted by Chantelle Rytter and the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons and sponsored by Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center, filled the length of the Eastside Trail with imagination, energy, and light. Six marching bands filled the air from Irwin Street to Piedmont Park. More than 70,000 Atlantans turned out to celebrate!

Major support for this project is provided by the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of

Cultural Affairs. Funding for this program is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. This program is supported in part by Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency—the National Endowment for the Arts.

Each year, the Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibition transforms the Atlanta BeltLine into a public gallery, enhancing the aesthetics of the trails and promoting cultural connectivity within Atlanta's diverse and vibrant neighborhoods. The exhibition features more than 150 works of art in a variety of disciplines.

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## FUNDING FOR HOUSING

**ABI's budget for the 2017 fiscal year was approved with \$2.2 million in additional funding for affordable housing.** ABI worked diligently with members of the Board of Directors and Invest Atlanta on the budget. The additional funds will be allocated towards creating and preserving housing for working families, including land acquisition for future programming.

The revised budget also contemplates a bond refunding and two new-money bond issues. This could earmark \$7.5 million for affordable housing

in addition to \$40 million for capital projects and \$2.5 million for economic development.

Previous recent funding has supported the renovation of the Stanton Oaks Apartments and the construction of the Reynoldstown Senior Residences for low-income families and senior citizens, respectively. The downpayment assistance and owner-occupied rehab programs are on-going.

For more, please visit [beltline.org/housing](http://beltline.org/housing).



## President & CEO Corner:



The City of Atlanta is at a critical point in terms of housing and affordability. Invest Atlanta's approval of \$2.2 million in additional

funding for affordable housing in Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.'s FY'17 budget reaffirms the City's commitment to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from redevelopment in Atlanta and along the Atlanta BeltLine.

Between building the Westside Trail and Eastside Trail Extension, designing the Southside Trail, planning for transit along the Atlanta Streetcar System Plan, and pursuing affordable workforce housing across the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area, the staff at Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is hard at work in multiple sections of the city.



*Westside Trail construction looking east towards Lee Street and Murphy Avenue.*

When Atlantans head to the voting booth this fall, they will have the choice to vote on two sales tax referenda questions that represent an historic opportunity to increase mass transit and transportation in Atlanta. Expansion of the Atlanta BeltLine is included in both the TSPLOST and MARTA referenda.

Each year, the cooler fall weather ushers in *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine*. We are thrilled to have another year of incredible works from talented artists from Atlanta and around the world and invite you to explore the visual art on the trails and the performing art in the parks.

We appreciate your continued support and engagement as we advance the Atlanta BeltLine.

—Paul Morris

## EASTSIDE TRAIL EXTENSION

*Final rail removal, utility relocation, and road and lane closures mark continued progress on Eastside Trail Extension construction.* A sincere thank you goes out to our neighbors for your patience as ABI conducts road work in preparation for expanding the multi-use trail!

Kirkwood Avenue closed temporarily for placement of a speed table. It has reopened. Wylie Street experienced rolling single-lane closures for utility relocation. Design for this Wylie Street area calls for a 10-foot multi-use trail on the north side of the road, buffered from traffic by landscaping. On the south side, on-street parking will be preserved where it is presently available, and new crosswalks will accompany sidewalks for pedestrians. Bicycles traveling in either direction can choose to utilize the trail

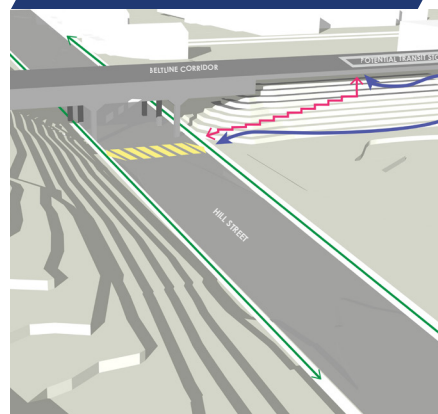


*Installation of ductwork between Wylie Street and Kirkwood Avenue.*

or occupy a full lane on the street for this 0.37 mile stretch.

Studies are still underway to determine how the Eastside Trail will ultimately navigate around CSX's Hulsey Yard as CSX has no plans to relocate. We encourage you to stay involved and attend community meetings.

## SOUTHSIDE TRAIL DESIGN



*Design for the Southside Trail is in full swing with ABI staff hosting three Southeast and Southwest Study Group meetings in the third quarter.* These are the first of several conversations in order to garner community feedback. Presentations by the design consultants, Kimley Horn, segued into in-depth dialogue around community spaces. Specifically, ABI was looking for input regarding ramp and stair connections and gathering places along the trail.

Design is expected to take place over the next two years. The first phase of community engagement will continue through November.

Weren't able to make it to the meetings? Don't worry—you can still share your thoughts with us! Just visit [beltline.org/engage](http://beltline.org/engage).

## WESTSIDE TRAIL

*Construction crews for the Westside Trail continue to make great strides on the major access points for the multi-use trail.* One of the most significant access points, the bridge over Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, will be complete later this year. Ramps and stairs at Lee St. and Murphy Ave., Ralph David Abernathy Blvd., Lucile Ave., and stairs at Lawton St. are well underway. Workers are installing capstones and granite faces on retaining walls up and down the three-mile length.

The construction schedule anticipates that concrete pouring for the 14-foot-wide multi-use path will start this fall.

For more updates and photos, please visit [beltline.org/westsidetrail](http://beltline.org/westsidetrail).



*Backfilling the retaining walls, paving the new bridge, and constructing the ramps and stairs alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.*



## ABI STAFF NEWS

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



**Cecilia Leal** joined ABI as Housing Policy and Development Coordinator.

### Fellowships

ABI thanks our team of fall semester Fellows:

- **Richard Duckworth** is the Real Estate Fellow and is studying for his Masters in City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech.
- **Heather Ellis** is the Government Affairs Fellow and is studying for her Masters of Science in Public Administration from Kennesaw State University.
- **LaDarrien Gillette** is the Community Engagement Fellow and is studying for her Law degree from Emory Law School.
- **David Greenberg** is the Housing and Policy Development Fellow studying for his Masters in Heritage Preservation from Georgia State University.
- **Chris Langley** is the Art & Design Fellow with a Masters in Art and Art History from Georgia State University.
- **Andreas Nilsson** is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for his Masters in Architecture from Georgia Tech.
- **Luke Reeves** is the Planning Fellow and studying for his Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech.

## IN THE NEWS

In case you missed it, the media was abuzz after the New York Times published a front-page article about the Atlanta BeltLine in September! You can read the article online here:

<http://bit.ly/atlbeltlinenytimes2016>



Pictured above is the cover photo for the online version of the New York Times article. Photo credit: Dustin Chambers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
10/1/16	1-7PM	Art on the BeltLine Performances	Gordon White Park, 30310
10/2/16	1-9PM	Art on the BeltLine Performances	Historic Fourth Ward Park
10/8/16	11AM-9PM	Art on the BeltLine Performances	Historic Fourth Ward Park
10/8/16	2-6PM	Play Day	500 Englewood Ave, 30312
10/9/16	12-6PM	Art on the BeltLine Performances	Reynoldstown & Piedmont Stages
10/12/16	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	100 Peachtree St, Ste 2300, 30303
11/3/16	7-8:30PM	Run.Walk.Go! Club	500 10th Street, 30309
12/3/16	10AM-12PM	Eastside 10k	112 Krog St, 30307
12/14/16	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	100 Peachtree St, Ste 2300, 30303
Fridays	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fridays	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	9:15 AM-12:30 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
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For more details on upcoming events, please visit: [beltline.org/events](http://beltline.org/events). We offer an extensive roster of free fitness classes, all of which are listed on our calendar. Please register online at [beltline.org/fitsignup](http://beltline.org/fitsignup).

\* All tours require advance registration. Please visit [beltline.org/tours](http://beltline.org/tours) for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours. Walking tour hours may vary.

We're looking for volunteers! Visit [beltline.org/volunteer](http://beltline.org/volunteer) for more information on ways to get involved.

## ABP STAFF NEWS

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



**Rob Brawner** was promoted to Executive Director of ABP in August 2016. Rob has served the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership since staff were hired in 2006.



**John Becker** joined ABP as the Communications Coordinator.

## ATLANTA BELTLINE BENCHES

*In September, ABI installed two of four benches along the Eastside Trail.* These are prototypes for benches that could be placed throughout the corridor. Commissioned from local artists through a juried selection process, the benches will be on display as a respite to trail users. ABI will also be soliciting feedback, so stay tuned on social media and on the trail for ways to voice your opinions.

The following organizations and individuals were selected to create benches for the Eastside Trail:

- OrchestraOne (installed on the Eastside Trail across from the Gateway Trail)
- Mitch Ryerson (pictured below, on the Eastside Trail across from Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark)
- Hill, Foley, & Rossi
- Gensler





## UPGRADED & NEW ETIQUETTE TOOLS

*As we approach the fourth anniversary of the Eastside Trail's debut, we are still learning how to share the trail.* We've listened to our Atlanta BeltLine users and are happy to introduce new tools to help address courtesy! ABI teamed up with Dad's Garage Theater Company to produce a #BeltLineCharm "trail training" video—a hands-on, how-to of proper trail etiquette. The video encourages common courtesy on the trails through simple messages such as pass on the left, slower traffic stay right, keep kids and pets close, don't litter, and more.

A new feature on the Atlanta BeltLine app also allows user reporting in order to track data about concentrated areas of incidents.



You can now take etiquette rules to go with printed postcards, available at Atlanta BeltLine events, in flyer boxes along the Eastside Trail, and online.

As it develops, ABI will be incorporating etiquette messaging into its signage and wayfinding program.

Eddy Cat is super excited about these new tools and will be talking about them on Twitter [@beltlineeddycat](https://twitter.com/beltlineeddycat). Reach him anytime via email or ([eddy.cat@atlbeltline.org](mailto:eddy.cat@atlbeltline.org)) via the "Ask Eddy Cat" column on the blog at [beltline.org/blog](https://beltline.org/blog).

More info available at [beltline.org/etiquette](https://beltline.org/etiquette).

## RUN.WALK.GO! 10K

Don't miss the final race of the year in the Run.Walk.GO! series. The Eastside 10k will take place on Dec. 3 on the Eastside Trail and in Piedmont Park. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Early bird registration discount available through Nov. 4. More info at [beltline.org/races](https://beltline.org/races).



## ART ON THE BELTLINE

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Year over year, the exhibition earns more attention and accolades worldwide for attracting artists respected on an international scale while also drawing from Atlanta's rich local art scene. Many artists featured in the 2016 exhibition have showcased their work for multiple years on the Atlanta BeltLine.

Performances will take place October 1, 2, 8, and 9. The temporary exhibition runs through mid-November. View the schedule of events, download a brochure with locations of all art pieces, and see photo galleries on [art.beltline.org](https://art.beltline.org).

*Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* is presented by 10th & Monroe and Google Fiber. Additional support is provided by WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta Community ToolBank, AJC/Living Intown, AM1690, MailChimp, Sunbelt Rentals, New Church, Park Tavern, 90.1 WABE, American Drone Industries, Flashpoint Artists Initiative, Inman Park Neighborhood Association, and the Weldon Family Foundation.

## LIFE ON THE BELTLINE

*As an Atlanta native, Coach Kraig knew the Atlanta BeltLine had come to his neighborhood—and that it was the perfect spot to train his young triathletes.* The hills and curves of the Southwest Connector Spur Trail build running and biking skills in a safe, peaceful, shaded environment out of the way of traffic for the Atlanta Triathlon Kids. Kraig Jennings coaches the team, which operates out of the Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA. When the children are out on the trail, the Path Force Unit (APD's Atlanta BeltLine police force) makes a special effort to patrol. The police officers not only encourage the kids, they'll ride along with them or even hop off their bikes to run along beside them. Watch the video! [bit.ly/2atCaGX](https://bit.ly/2atCaGX)



## ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit, jobs, and affordable housing along an historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments and The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit: [www.beltline.org](https://www.beltline.org).

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